# AUTOMOBILE CUP RACING.

Qualifying Trials for the Gordon Bennett Trophy in France.

Paris, June 19. To say that the French are pleased with the result of the qualifying race for the Gordon Bennett Automobile Cup is to put the matter tamely. They are frankly and undisguisedly delighted. The fine showing made by the competing machines on Thursday last has inspired confidence in the team that is to defend the French colors in the international race on July 5 and given reasonable grounds for hope of a French victory. Something more than the gratification of national pride is involved for France in such a victory. The sporting significance of the race is utterly ignored in view of the vast business interests that would be affected by defeat. The Gordon Bennett cup-whether for good or evil need not now be discussedhas become the symbol of world supremacy in the automobile industry. In France this industry represents an annual turnover amounting to about \$60,000,000; gives employment directly to thousands, and indirectly to scores of thousands of people; and forms one of the most valuable industrial and commercial assets of the country. It is the comprehension of these facts that caused French automobile and business circles to demand a revision of the rules governing the race for this cup. In their view, France has greater interests at stake than any other of the competing nations, and the French industry, claim, is unjustly handicapped by rules that do not take this consideration into account. France, in fact, is held to be in the position of an acknowledged champion called upon to de-

fend the position against a group of rivals who

tory and individually have nothing to lose

from defeat; and as tangible commercial in-

terests are the stake the concern is all the

collectively have everything to gain from vic-

It is not surprising, therefore, that the eliminatory race round the Auvergne circuit on Thursday last should have been watched with an attention that was akin to anxiety. Nor is it surprising that the results have caused a feeling of intense relief. Experts are more than satisfied with the manner in which the French industry triumphed in a severe test. Out of twenty-four starters fifteen completed the entire circuit of about 342 miles in time to be officially classed. Never in any previous race of this importance has the percentage of "lame ducks" been so small. A few of the machines that failed to complete the circuit were forced out of the race an organic defect in the mechanism. Farman frankly acknowledges that he took a turn too sharply, and thus lost control of the steering. He is still wondering how he escaped from following his car down the precipice at the bottom of which it ended its career. Girardot came to grief through the splitting in two parts of a front tire. One of them bowled away down the road. The other got entangled in the gearing and caused the car to swerve. Before it turned a somersault on M. Girardot it smashed a telegraph pole and barked a tree. Girardot's escape is wellnigh as miraculous as Farman's. The latter had not a scratch, and Girardot's injuries are limited to severe bruises. Trouble with the tires eliminated the other machines that had not completed the race when it was declared over.

Another point worth noting is the remarkable way in which the fifteen machines that did finish kept together from beginning to end. It is admitted that the course is one of the most arduous that could be conceived. In the circuit of eighty-five and a half miles, which had to be covered four times, were comprised about 130 turns, most of them at an acute angle, and further complicated by precipices on one side or cliffs on the other, and all of them calling for supreme skill on the part of the driver if accidents were to be avoided. The road presented every variety of ascent and descent. In the bargain, its surface had been rendered treacherous by the recent heavy rains. Combined, these difficulties searched out any weak spot in the machine, tried the brakes to the utmost, wore out

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Thery, the winner, changed tires five times. hy winning the second place. No tires could withstand the wear and tear of high speed on such a course. Yet between Thery, classed first, and Lavergne, classed fifteenth, the time difference is only 1 hour 30 minutes 25 seconds, a mere trifle when one takes all the foregoing circumstances into consideration. Between Théry and his "stable companion," Caillois, the difference is 8 minutes 21 4-5 seconds. Duray, behind Caillois. That the competing cars hung so tenaciously and so closely together is indeed a magnificent testimonial to the general excellence of the French product in automobile manufactory. In this respect the following table is

eloquent.	
No. Driver. Car. 1—Théry (G. Richard-Brasier). 2—Catillois (G. Richard-Brasier). 3—Duray (De Diétrich). 4—Wagner (Darrace). 5—Sisse (Renault Frères). 6—Heath (Penhard-Levassor). 7—Le Blon (Hotchkiss).	7:47:11% 7:55:47% 8:11:38% 8:13:13% 8:16:57% 8:21:38
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In view of the natural difficulties of the Auvergne course, eighty kilometres (49% miles) an hour is estimated to be the maximum speed that could be attained upon it even under the most favorable circumstances. With the going impeded by the additional obstacle of a slippery surface, Théry's average of forty-five and onehalf miles an hour for the enttire circuit, including five stoppages to replace tires, is regarded as a magnificent performance. The trial on Thursday, however, proved to be one of trustworthiness in the machines and of judgment in the drivers rather than one of speed. That the victorious Richard-Brasier car and its driver come close to perfection is the popular opinion to-day. The winning of the Gordon Bennett Cup at Homburg last year so completely surprised the general public that people seemed inclined to congratulate M. Brasier upon his amazing good luck rather than upon the superb machine that he has invented and manufactures. After the double victory of this car on the Auvergne circuit, victories that confirm the justice of the triumphs in the French eliminatory race last year and at Homburg, there is no longer any inclination to doubt the fine qualities of this car. The competitors in the the forthcoming race for the Gordon Bennett Cup will meet formidable antagonists in the two Richard-Brasiers.

As for the driver Therv, he is certainly great if the doing of something superlatively well contstitutes greatness. He possesses, developed to its highest degree, the faculty of divining as by inspiration the exact rate of speed that should be attained on a given course, the rate that if exceeded would mean suicide for the driver and if fallen short of would result in the loss of the race. Of medium height, running to fat, slow of speech, deliberate in movement, Thery is in appearance the last man in the world to triumph in a contest which hangs on rapidity. He is, however, superhumanly alert, and seems nerveless only because so completely master of his nerves. He is just thirty years old, has been a racing automobilist since 1899, and has experienced all the misfortunes incidental to the business, from an upset due to side slip to an upset caused by collision with

Théry's present ambition is to win again the Gordon Bennett Cup for M. Brasier, for whom he has an affection amounting almost to worship, then to bid farewell to the automobile world. He is said to have made \$20,000 by his victory at Homburg last year. The winning of Thursday's race brought to his firm the prize of \$20,000 in cash offered by the sporting journal "L'Auto" to the machine classed first in the French eliminatory race. Eight or ten thousand dollars of this sum falls to Thery's share. M. Brasier, who esteems Thery as much as Thery worships him, even hints that the entire amount may go to the driver if he should win the Gordon Bennett Cup next month. Then the

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the drivers and played havor with the tires. worthy Thery would be in a position to gratify HAINES DENIES CHARGE. Heath is said to have changed four tires in one fortune in the country, where he has purchased lap. Caillois finished the last ten miles with a a snug little homestead. Here he hopes to live deflated tire, and was rewarded for his sufferings out his life in the calm, meditative fashion for which nature would appear to have designed

At present, however, such projects are only castles in the air. Even if Thery should win on July 5, it is by no means certain that this will be his last race. Two Richard-Brasier cars will head the French team in the race for the Vanderbilt Cup. Théry, it is believed, may be classed third, was only 1 minute 36 seconds be seen at work—that is, at his best-in America. The other French competitors for the Vanderbilt Cup will be Caillois (Richard-Brasier machine). Duray (de Diétrich). Sizsz (Renault) Heath (Panhard-Levassor), with, as deputies to replace possible withdrawals, Le Blon (Hotchkiss) and Rigolly (Gobron-Brillié).

For the moment nothing is talked or thought of in the automobile world except the forthcoming race for the Gordon Bennett Cup. All Frenchmen hope that a French car will again carry off the trophy, and most people here believe that this is a foregone conclusion after the satisfactory and even brilliant record established by the French competitors on Thursday. Superstition, however, is causing some little uneasiness. By a curious coincidence the Gordon Bennett Cup race has been won every year since its inception by the competing machine that bore the starting number corresponding to the In the first race, for example, Charron's machine was No. 1, and Charron won the cup-In the second year Girardot's machine was No. 2, and Girardot won the cup. The third race for the cup was won by Edge with a machine bearing the number 3. Théry's Richard-Brasier, which brought the cup back to France last year, was No. 5 in the starters, and the race was the fifth race for the cup. This year the machine which bears the number 6 is the Pope-Toledo American car, driven by Lytle. Will the cumachines and the years of existence of the race be continued? This is a question that is being asked. And the confidence of the superstitiously inclined has not been increased by the high opinions of the Pope-Toledo machine expressed by competent French experts.

## REGENTS' CONVOCATION.

# Several Interesting Addresses Made

at Albany.

Albany, June 29.—The convocation of the University of the State of New-York was continued to-day. Several addresses were made. dress of Regent Daniel Beach last night was, in

Members of Convocation: In the absence of the chancellor and upon the invitation of the vice-chancellor, the agreeable duty devolves upon me to greet you on behalf of the Regents of the University. The miversity convocation is a continuous body, although not decorated with a formal charter. The personality of its constituents is continually changes but its correction to gravanted by more than

though not decorated with a formal charter. The personality of its constituents is continually changing, but its perpetuity is guaranteed by more than parchment authority. Its records of speech for forty years hold priceless treasures.

When the university convocation of the State of New-York was organized, in 1883, its purpose was declared to be to secure an interchange of opinions on the best methods of instruction in the colleges and academies, and as a consequence to advance the standards of education throughout the State. In the year 1879 a further declaration of the purpose of the convocation was made, which shows that in those sixteen years the conceptions of educational work had broadened, demanding a larger field for discussion and effort. By ordinance of the Board of Regents the previous declaration of 1883 was extended so as to include the consideration of literature, science and art, and to advance the standards in this State. The programme prepared for this occasion is the logical outgrowth of that enlarged declaration.

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## LEOPARD LOOSE IN BRONX PARK.

### Breaks Out of Cage in Zoological Park-Captured in Cellar.

The mate of the large white leopard which escaped from its cage in the New-York Zoological Garden, and was shot, broke loose Wednesday. This time the keepers decided to capture the beast They coaxed the animal into the cellar of the lion's house, and locked him there. He re-mained all day yesterday. Last night, after fast ing thirty hours, he needed no persuasion to enter a cage in which was a piece of raw meat. When the animal broke toose, the park was full of women and children.

Makes Counter Accusations Against Colonel Erhardt.

John P. Haines, president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, de-nied yesterday the charges made by Joel B. Erhardt, vice-president. He says that the statements which Mr. Erhardt made were untrue, and made

Counter charges against the vice-president.

He says that Mr. Erhardt desires to destroy the usefulness of the present organization and to form a new society. The report, said to be signed by Mr. Erhardt, Mr. Haines says, was never signed by him, but by other members of the auditing committee. This committee engaged experts, which cost the society \$700, it is said. This statement is

cost the society \$700, it is said. This statement is borne out by a letter written by William Fahnestock. Mr. Haines states that Colonel Erhardt has attended only one meeting of the society in four years, and has never given a dollar to the society except the yearly dues.

Mr. Haines says that the report which displeased Colonel Erhardt was one of an auditing committee composed of Frederick G. Bourne, William Fahnestock and ex-Judge Olcott, This committee engaged another firm of accountants to make an investigation into the affairs of the society, it is alleged, after the firm of which Mr. Erhardt is the head had asked for the work. This committee reported to the society at a meeting at which Colonel Erhardt was present. He was allowed to take the report and read it, but not allowed to take it from the room.

# "AN AMERICAN CONCERT."

President Angell, at Harvard, Speaks on the Monroe Doctrine.

Cambridge, Mass., June 29.-At the Phi Beta Kappa meeting to-day President Angell discussed "The European Concert and the Monroe Doctrine," With reference to the Monroe Doctrine he said, in part: It has of late become the fashion in some quar-

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Who can say that in a similar manner china and Japan may not make an Eastern Asiatic concert which shall work out policies mutually beneficial to their common interests and also useful to mankind?

# EXPLOSION HURTS FOUR.

## One May Die from Burns-All Badly Injured.

Four men were frightfully burned, and the lower part of a four story frame building at No. 327 Snediker-ave., Brooklyn, was wrecked by the explosion of a large can of benzine late yesterday afternoon Those injured were painters, who were about to stop work for the day. They are:

ALDERMANN, JOSEPH, twenty-two years old, of No. HESSE, HARRY, twenty-nine years old, of No. 381 LANDSBERG, LEWIS, forty years old, of No. 54

All were severely burned about the head and body, and inhaled more or less fire. It was not expected that Aldermann, who is the most seriously injured, would survive through the night, He and Hesse and Landsberg were taken to St. Mary's Hospital. Ranick was taken to the Brad ford Street Hospital.

under the supervision of Philip Erodie, of No. (3) Watkins-ave., was unfinished. He was not proing for their street attire. A quantity of raint and oils was stored in the corner, and it is thing in

BREAKS FEET IN MOVING STAIRWAY.

## Woman Painfully Injured in Concy Island Amusement Park.

Mrs. Bessie Pounds, of Madison, N. J., was badly injured on the moving stairway in Steepiechase Park, Coney Island, yesterday. She was going up "funny" stairway when she attempted to turn and come down. Her feet became caught and be-fore the machinery could be stopped they were both broken. She was taken to the Reception Hos-

## CHARLESTON STANDS SEVERE TEST.

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